

To: All members of AEPC & Other apparel exporters of India

Dear Sir,

The Director General, Directorate General of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India vide letter no. D.O. No 01/93/180/96/AM 09/PC2(B)/249 dated August 13, 2009 has written to Chairman, AEPC. The text of the letter is reproduced below.

DGFT has clarified that Registration-Cum-Member Certificate (RCMC) is one document which is mandatory for grant of benefits under DGFT Schemes. It has been decided by the DGFT that all Council's would now issue RCMC online and RCMC issuance details communicated to DGFT server through a digitally signed message exchange.

In view of this, all garment exporters are hereby requested to obtain Membership of AEPC since this is mandatory for the grant of benefits under DGFT schemes. It is further requested that exporters may also submit real time export data every month to AEPC at ecocell@aepecindia.com & administrator@aepecindia.com as per Foreign Trade Policy 2009-14.

With best regards,

Vijay Mathur

Deputy Secretary General

AEPC, Gurgaon.

D.O. No. 01/93/180/96/AM 09/PC2(B)/249 dated
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Dear Shri Vaid,

The Government is making efforts to fully automate the filing of all applications and issue of all permissions for various schemes of DGFT. As you are aware, we have already achieved fully electronic message exchange with customs in respect of DEPC, Advance Authorization and EPCG Schemes. The system is likely to become operational for incentive schemes also in the near future. However, we find there are still some documents which are required to be submitted in physical form by the exporter. Physical submission of documents defeats the very purpose of automation.

2. Registration-cum-Membership Certificate (RCMC) is one document which is mandatory for grant of benefits under DGFT Schemes. Today exporters are required to produce a hard copy of this document for availing benefit. You are also aware that RCMC is a major source of revenue for the Export Promotion Councils (EPCs). To take our objective of paper less transaction further, it has been decided that all Councils would now issue RCMC online and RCMC issuance details communicated to DGFT server through a digitally signed message exchange. Thus, I would request that your Council may take steps, so that the system of issue of RCMC online become fully operational by 31st December, 2009. For details regarding message exchange with DGFT, you may contact Shri Anil Aggarwal, Joint DGFT or Shri A K Sinha, Sr Technical Director (NIC). You may kindly also refer to the provisions at Para 2.73 of Handbook of Procedures Vol. I also in this connect.

3. Another important issues related to EPCs providing to the Government, timely data on export by their members of items handed by them. It is noticed that many of the Councils, rather than collecting the real time data on exports from the exporters, rely solely on DGCI&S data, which is available after a certain time lag. I would request that you may please take steps so that that, real time, export data is collected by the Councils from the exporters every month, so that it can be used for taking important policy decisions.

4. The new Foreign Trade Policy is due shortly . I hope a number of issues raised by you and your Members would be resolved during this Policy.

With regards,

Yours sincerely

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(R S Gujral)

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Shri Rakesh Vaid

Chairman

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